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No more complete prostitution of the journalistic function has been attempted in Edmonton than the Bulletin's effort through its news columns to discredit the convention which nominated Mr. Rutherford. It was such a gathering as any man may well be proud to be the candidate of.

The slighting references to those who were present come with poor grace from the organ of the man whom these gentlemen were the principal factors in electing on previous occasions.

With the question of whether this was the regular Liberal convention or not, The Saturday News is not tremendously interested. It is the character of the candidate and the ideas for which he stands that it, in common with the great mass of electors, is concerned about. But Secretary James McGeorge who held that post at Mr. Oliver's last election and is in an indisputable position to speak with knowledge of the party organization, made in his speech on Wednesday a complete answer to the charge that the convention was a "bogus" one. It was called in precisely the same manner as was that which nominated Mr. Oliver in 1908. Mr. Lessard, who presided on Wednesday being the chairman in that year also, while Mr. McGeorge himself was the secretary. The provincial executive which now it is claimed alone has the power to summon a convention has never met since it was appointed. Nominating conventions have been held and candidates have been placed in the three southern constituencies without a meeting of the provincial body being called. If this Edmonton gathering was "bogus", it is quite clear that those in Medicine Hat, MacLeod and Calgary were.

Quite apart from all this, the principle which would leave the control in such matters with an outsider like Senator Talbot is such that no self-respecting member of the party should tolerate. It is the business of the constituency itself to elect its own representatives and the way the electors go about this duty is wholly their own concern. In no other part of the Dominion are nominating conventions called by outsiders. The function is performed entirely on the initiative of local officers and any other procedure is completely contrary to the spirit of our institutions. The fact that in the present instance an attempt has been made to apply a different rule shows the extremity of the Minister of the Interior. His protests are trumped up to meet what is undoubtedly a very serious emergency for him.

The men opposing him are those who have been the backbone of the Liberal party in the riding in the past. If another faction wishes to cling to Mr. Oliver they have a perfect right to, but there is no excuse for their misrepresenting as they have been doing those who have placed Mr. Rutherford in the field.

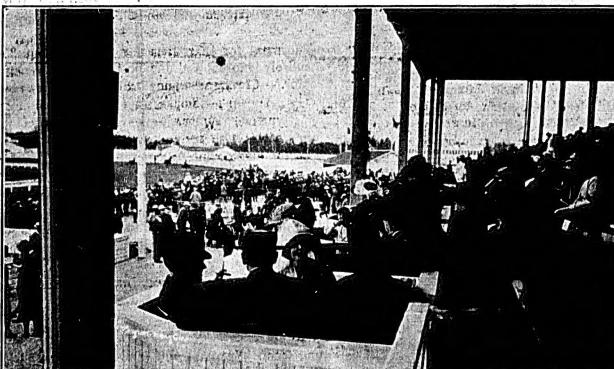
Wednesday's convention went on record as favoring the control of the natural resources of the western provinces by the provinces themselves. An attempt has been made to represent the Dominion authorities as having already consented to this. But it is clear that no details have been agreed upon, that there have been merely general negotiations. Mr. Oliver, who has defended the present arrangement through two general election campaigns with such energy, has had nothing to say about the change, and there is no excuse, with the matter in its present shadowy state as far as the government is concerned, to represent it as willing to meet with what are undoubtedly the wishes of the West. The issue must be pressed to its conclusion and Mr. Rutherford takes strong ground in insisting that we should have complete control.

At the same time, the convention attacked the preemption regulations, which undoubtedly have retarded the development of the country north of Red Deer to a very serious extent. Mr. Oliver's reference to this question in the speech reported in The Bulletin on Thursday morning should be noted.

"The southern portion of this province lay unsettled for years," said the Minister of the Interior. "In order to induce settlement there we granted pre-emptions and secured the settlement of the country. I have no apologies to offer for that policy. The man who holds that the improvement of one part of Canada works injury to another part is not true Canadian. Edmonton thrives as the whole of the country thrives. There can't be a greater Edmonton without there being a great west country."

But this preemption policy was adopted long after the people had begun to pour into southern

At The Exhibition



A View from the Grand Stand

Alberta—Why was it necessary to help settlement in that section of the province when the same means were not adopted for the benefit of the country north of Red Deer? There is no question that the south has settled up more rapidly than the north and it is to this unfair discrimination that the fact is largely due. Edmonton certainly thrives as the whole country does. It wishes well to the whole West, including southern Alberta. But it does not see why privileges should be given the latter and withheld from its own immediate territory. That is hardly the way for its representative to go about making it thrive.

The most important resolution adopted at the convention was that which declared that Mr. Oliver, inasmuch as certain charges had been made against him which he had not set at rest, had lost the confidence of his constituents. The minister in his speech in the evening fell back upon his attitude of last May in discussing these accusations. He denied the right of anybody to investigate his private affairs. He admitted that he had \$69,000 in the bank but, he declared, "in regard to what I had in my bank account or did not have, that is my business."

This is the language that he used in parliament when the matter first came up last spring, except that at that time he did not admit the fact that the sums in question stood to his credit.

But in the meanwhile something has happened. When the charges were first discussed, the premier would give no assurance that the man who made them to him, would be heard by the committee that was appointed to conduct an investigation. But steadily towards the end of July, it was announced that the fullest opportunities would be given to clear the matter up. Not only was Mr. McGillivray summoned to attend the meetings of the committee but everyone else who could possibly throw light on the situation.

Among the witnesses so called were the bank officials. What were they summoned to Ottawa for, if Mr. Oliver was to be allowed to maintain his contention that his bank account was his private affair?

Other bank accounts, it might be mentioned, have been freely examined in connection with public investigations, and the men accused were so anxious to vindicate their good name that they raised no objections. Mr. Oliver on Wednesday night had something to say about Mr. Rutherford's bank account. It is only a trifle over a year ago since the account of that gentleman and those of the other members of his Cabinet were fully investigated here in Edmonton, so that the Minister's reference was hardly a happy one.

But to come back to the Ottawa committee, these witnesses were either at the Dominion capital or on their way there when the committee met in the closing days of last month. The Conservative member pressed for the hearing of evidence to proceed. The Liberals asked for an adjournment of a week on the ground that one of their number was

investigated. Witnesses were there and urged investigation. They decided to postpone the inquiry."

A more complete misrepresentation of what happened could hardly have been attempted. The reports that we saw had nothing to say about Mr. Oliver's urging the committee to proceed. But it is certain that the adjournment was made on the request of the Liberal members and that the Conservatives consented to it only on the pledge being given by the chairman.

The Bulletin, it is to be noted, says not a word about this pledge. Was it a matter of so small concern that it is not worth considering? It declares that the Conservative members could have gone on. If they had done so, they would have immediately have been accused of taking advantage of the temporary absence of one of the Liberal members. There was no need for an immediate hearing, if the word of the chairman could be depended upon. They accepted it with the result that the campaign is on without any testimony being brought out.

The Bulletin grows indignant over the suggestion that there was a conspiracy between the Minister and the Liberal committee-men. If there was not, the Minister should resign from the Cabinet as a protest against the action of his colleagues in leaving him open to this charge as they indulged in violating the pledge which their appointee, the chairman of the committee, gave.

Just as this page of The Saturday News is being prepared for the press word comes of the nomination of Mr. W. A. Griesbach as the Conservative candidate. That he has many elements of strength is undoubted but his intention to make reciprocity the main issue will not lead to his securing a large measure of support outside the more ardent members of his own party. The people of the riding undoubtedly favor the extension of the country's markets. But the fiscal question must be overshadowed for them by the more important ones that Mr. Rutherford has raised.

The success of the Edmonton fair has been astounding. Such a crowd as assembled at the grounds on Thursday afternoon no one looked for. There were over 26,000 people in all present. The arrangements were as near perfect as they could very well have been, and President Campbell and Manager Harrison and their associates have something to their credit of which they may well be proud.

The various departments were admirably balanced. The serious and frivolous were given a due admixture. True to its settled policy of making the stock exhibit the leading feature, the directors were able to attract a wonderfully fine display here. The wings of the Industrial building were filled to capacity with a wide variety of interesting products. It will certainly be necessary to complete the structure for next year's fair to accommodate all those desirous of exhibiting.

The grafting part of the display was the fact that so large a proportion was of home manufacture. The showing made by the Swift company, the J. McLaughlin company and other Edmonton manufacturers was most attractive. A new industry which showed what it was accomplishing was the recently established overall factory.

In the horticultural building visitors saw a display which made them open their eyes. It is one of the great advantages of holding the fair in August that this can be made adequate. With such vegetables produced in the Edmonton district no one could doubt for a moment the character of the soil.

Very little remains to be said about the result of the aldermanic election last Monday. Mr. Bellamy was the choice of the citizens by a majority of nearly four hundred and may well be flattered by the mark of confidence that has been given him. We believe that Mr. McKinley stood for the proper ideas in municipal government and that he deserved to be sent back to the council. That the commissionership system will be much weakened by the result there is no question. It will not be possible to get executive officers who can render the city the service that it requires under the conditions that the council desires to attach to their tenure. The only solution apparently is for us to blunder on under the old village system for a few more years till the people begin to realize to what loss and inconvenience it leads. Then they may insist on business-like methods.

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CRIPPLE FROM RHEUMATISM

NOW IN PERFECT HEALTH THANKS TO "FRUIT-A-TIVES"

VANCOUVER, B.C., Feb. 1st, 1910.
I am well acquainted with a man, known to all here—Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster, for nearly a year was practically a cripple from Rheumatism. He was so troubled with the disease that he found it difficult to get up and about in bed. His heart appeared so weak that he could hardly walk upstairs.

Last June, he received a sample of "Fruit-a-tives". He used them and during his recovery from that time to day, there is no man in Vancouver enjoying better health.

He was building a house this fall and during a good part of the roof in a driving rain, without suffering any bad effects." JOHN B. LACKEY.

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On the Albany Night Boat

They were waiting for the last night boat. It leaves the dock at the corner of Jasper and First at eleven thirty and the suburbanites had lingered till the last moment tasting the joys which life in the city has to offer.

It was raining as it can only rain in Edmonton in August when we want plenty of sunshine to ripen the crops. The wind shrieked in such furious fashion that even the club-man wondered whether it wasn't better to stay quietly at his own fireside o' nights. An angry sea lay before.

"Ship ahoy!" shouted one of the waiting throng as the light of the Knight line was described coming around the great face of Cape Blowey-Henry. Along it came majestically riding the waves.

A scurribble aboard and the craft with its huddled human freight resumed its way. But at Russell Cove a score of merrymakers managed to squeeze their way in.

"I fear me!" said a jewel-becked dame with ancient lineage and tender breeding stamped upon her face, as a blast shook the ship's timbers and it gave an ugly lurch, "what is going to happen when we come to make that awful passage of Subway sound?"

Those about her, to whose thoughts she had expression given an extra shudder. But he father drew her close to him and remarked:

"Come hither! come hither! my little daughter
And do not tremble;
For we can weather the roughest gale
That ever wind did blow!"

This sounded reasonable and a few plucked up courage. But the old man's memory for poetry got the better of him and he went on:

"And fast through the midnight dark and drear
Thought the whistling sleet and snow
Like a sheeted ghost the ve' el wept
Toward the reef of Norman's woe.

And ever the filful gust between
A sound came from the land
It was the sound of the trampling surf
On the rocks and the hard sea-sand."

When he had finished the billows of the Subway stretch were lashing the ship. She lurched this way and that in horrible fashion. An attractive young widow was thrown into the arms of a shy young man who happened to live across the road from her. The babes in arms were wakened from sleep and added their shrill cries to the pandemonium. A member of the Moral Reform League nearly lost the reputation of lifetime by flinging his arms around the neck of a popular bar-keep. Dark obstacles could be desrced every twenty yards or so against which it appeared certain we should dash ourselves to destruction.

But at last it was over. "Twelfth street" came the joyful sound and we realized we were in quieter waters once more.

I left the ship at this point. But I heard that there was nothing worse than a number of violent cases of seasickness when Albany (avenue) was reached.

The Journal wants Admiral Togo invited to visit the fair. As feature of the welcome, I would suggest a cordial yelp from all the dogs named after the old salt. That would be something worth while.

A Liberal Association executive meeting was held in the Young Men's Liberal Club rooms last evening, with George B. McLeod in the chair. There were thirty-two members present. After a brief discussion a motion to adjourn was put and was carried.—The Bulletin.

There is thrilling news for you. Let others rave about reciprocity and imperial defence. The Liberal executive has weightier matters to consider. Having met, will it or will it not adjourn? That was the question. And the adjourners carried the day. But lest you may think that this is the whole story, it might be stated that The Capital is in the habit of publishing unpurgated editions dealing with the same subject.

"I've just bought the most beautiful thing—if

you only knew the money it cost me. It's a real Rembrandt." "Indeed? How many horse-power?"

The Doctor—"Feeling better to-day?"
The Patient—"A little. But my heart still hurts me."

The Doctor—"Oh, I can stop that, all right."

"How did Genevieve get rid of her caller who stayed so late?" "Genevieve is a girl of very delicate feelings. She merely brought a plate of breakfast food."

"That man is persistently contentious." Yes, replied Senator Sorghum: "If he can't find anybody else to call down he keeps on arguing till he contradicts himself."—Washington Star.

What is an anecdote?

An anecdote is a story of extremely uncertain age that is founded on fiction and embellished by fancy.

After lying dormant for years it is dug up and credited to an entirely ignorant and unexpected United States Senator.—"Chicago Plain Dealer."

"The clinging type of girl is disappearing."
"Yes; modern woman, with her numerous hatpins is more like a cactus than a vine."

A traveling salesman stopping at a hotel in a country town on circus day refused to use the wet and soiled crash towel in the lobby.

In response to the drummer's protest the color-ed porter said, deprecatingly:

"Boss, seventy-five men has wiped dere han's on dat tow'l dis mornin', an' you is de fust ter complain."

Kicker—Our secondbaseman would make an excellent swimmer.

Snicker—Why so?

Knicker—He strikes out so boldly.—Judge.

The mixed metaphor has been the subject of a good deal of amusement at times. "An Insurgent" writes this clever letter to the Toronto Star:

At school we were taught not to indulge in mixed metaphor such as Sir Boyle Roche's "I smell a rat; I see it floating in the atmosphere; but mark me, I will nip it in the bud." But no one quoted in this connection Scott's lines on the death of Pitt:

Now 'tis the stately column broke;
The beacon's light is quenched in smoke,
The trumpet's silver voice is still;
The warden silent on the hill.

Now what is the difference? Both metaphors are mixed; but one is laughable, and the other sublime. I will not give up Sir Walter's lines, I revel in the mixture, I dispute the jurisdiction of the fellow who made the law against mixed metaphors. I attack the law as ultra virile, and will carry the case up to the judicial committee of the Privy Council.

Shakespeare wrote "Take arms against a sea of troubles." Of course some meddler had to arise and say that you can't take arms against a sea; it must be "siege." I desire to speak of this commentator without bitterness; yet I cannot help classing him with one who would carp at the line "Of hi' bones are coral made" because the verb disagrees with its nominative, and would put a wretched little "is" into that line; or with one who said that the true reading of a famous passage in "As You Like It" is "Sermons in books, stones in the running brooks."

These critics will let you make a miserable compromise by inserting the words "or to change the metaphor." Try that on Scott:

Now is the stately column broke,
To change the figure ('tis no joke.)
The beacon's light is quenched in smoke,
Or, changing once more, if you will,
The trumpet's silver voice is still

Just one more change the verse will fill,
The warden silent on the hill.

If that is an improvement I throw up my brief for the mixed metaphor.

Reverend Gentleman—Do you know, my friend, that half the cases of cancer are caused by people smoking those foul, dirty, short, black clay pipes?

Son of Toil—And do you know guv'nor, that 'alf of the black eyes are caused by folks not mindin' their own business?

The First Horse—Well, there's one indignity they'll never ful upon us.

The Second Horse—What's that?

The First Horse—They'll never call us to drag a stalled airship out of a soggy cloud.

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Pushing Ahead of Trails**MRS. SCHAFFER'S EXPERIENCES IN THE MOUNTAINS WEST OF EDMONTON**

(By Carrie Love in Canada Magazine)

The Rocky Mountains of Canada are fast becoming the tourist paradise, the playground of the world, and people from all over the continent, Great Britain and the United States have come to join the Canadian Alpine Club, which is establishing new records in mountain climbing. The Swiss guides, who used to go home for the winter months, are building a village of chalets at Golden, British Columbia, and are preparing to bring their wives and families over from Switzerland to live in Canada all the year round. Every summer brings ever-increasing thousands of tourists to view the most wonderful scenery on the American continent.

With Pullman cars to transport them there, luxurious hotels to stay in, and experienced guides at their service, everything is made so easy for the traveler of this generation that it is hard for him to realize the hardships and difficulties of the pioneers in mountain climbing, the discoverers of mountain peaks and lakes, who had to explore pathless trails with neither guide nor map.

Perhaps no one is qualified to speak with more authority on the trails of these early days than Mrs. Mary T. S. Schaffer, the widow of Dr. Charles Schaffer, a famous botanist of Philadelphia. Dr. Schaffer originally went to the Rocky Mountains on account of the health of his girl bride, who was delicate and needed outdoor life. Becoming interested in the wonderful variety and beauty of the mountain flora, he began to sketch it for his own pleasure, but he discovered so many new plants that he determined to create a botany text book on the subject that any layman could understand, and for this purpose he and his wife spent every summer in the mountains. Death cut short his life. In 1903, and Mrs. Schaffer, with a woman companion, determined to take up and finish her husband's work.

This involved the most difficult sort of travel through the wilds of the Canadian Rockies, where no white woman had ever before penetrated. Mrs. Schaffer existed for two or three months at a time in a tent, transporting all her food, cooking utensils, bedding and clothes on pack horses, and living for days and weeks, sat a stretch in the adobe walls. Her account of her many trips is interesting in the extreme:

"I was just a girl when we came here first in 1889," she says. "Banff had no hotel, just a number of tiny chalets. Tom Wilson, an outfitter and trapper, who had been helping in the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, told us of Lake Louise, but it was not until 1893 that we summited up energy to take the trip."

"Tom Wilson secured horses for a party of nine from Morley, seventy miles away. At Laggan we met our guides, two Indians whose names, I remember, were William and Joshua. They picked out the best 'squaw ponies' for the women to ride, and we made our way to what they called 'the lake in the coluds,' said called 'Lake Agnes' and 'Lake Moraine.'

"We had to sleep in tents, with boards put on the ground for mattress and horse blanket for covering. I remember at the end of the first day I crawled under the blankets in my clothes, and then nearly froze to death. Mrs. Allan, one of our party, whose son, Sam Allan, was the first explorer on Lake Louise, brought me a hot stove lid and stayed beside me to put me to sleep.

"We had in our party that year Walter Wilcox, who afterwards discovered Consolation Valley, Paradise Valley, Desolation Valley, and Abbott's Pass.

"In 1898 we brought a private car with sixteen people to see a 'all green,' and Tom Wilson provided horses and five guides to take us to Emerald Lake, where we camped. We were the first

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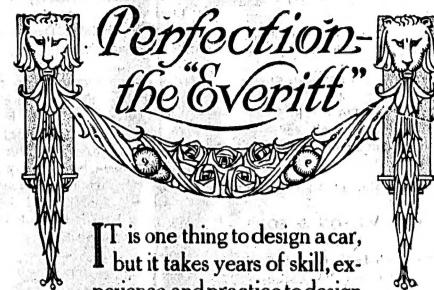
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Mrs. Claud Sinclair of Winnipeg has returned home after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bellamy.

Mr. E. N. Barker, formerly of The Saturday News, has been in Edmonton this week judging dogs and poultry at the fair. The judge of light horses is a well known Toronto man, Mr. W. J. Stark, secretary of the horse show in that city.

Mr. Fred Perkins has left on a holiday trip for

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his old home in Prince Edward Island. It is his intention to live at the coast in the future.

Mrs. T. M. Turnbull was the hostess of a tea on Friday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Leather of Hamilton, Ont.

Tuesday evening, August 1st, Danby House was the scene of a most delightful young people's dance, given by Miss Helen Mewburn, complimentary to her guest, Miss Jessie Belcher, of Edmonton. Mrs. Mewburn, in an exquisite gown of black lace over primrose satin, with bodice heavily embroidered in equines, received with Miss Mewburn, who was wearing lovely maize colored satin gown with tunic of beaded chiffon. The guest of honour was beautifully gowned in white duchess satin with net tunic embroidered in silver. The drawing room was converted into a perfect bower of cut flowers and palms most artistically arranged. Here the orchestra was situated, discoursing the most delightful music.

The spacious lawns were beautified with rows of coloured lights and cosy nooks were arranged here and there.—Calgary Standard.

Athletics

The races at the fair grounds have monopolized the attention of the local sporting world this week. The first day brought out some good racing. Foster in the first event broke the track record, going the distance in 2.12. It took six heats for him to pull off the money. The running races were, as usual, more popular than the trots. In the 34-mile dash the bookies made a killing, the heavy favorite Cumbery coming home last. The matched race for \$1000 a side between Commerce, owned by G. L. Owen of Wetaskiwin and Marcus, owned by M. L. Cowell, of Prince Albert, excited a good deal of interest, Commerce winning by a half length.

The races aren't the big part of the fair that they used to be down under the hill. But they are the feature which appeals to the bulk of the crowd.

No preparations for an English test match ever excited more interest among the followers of the game than have those for the Soccer match to be played with the Corinthians on August 24. Every one has his favorite for places on the team but the committee has finally chosen the following: Goal—E. W. Parker, St. George's. Full back—Kinsman, Callies. Full back—Moffat, Swifts. Right half-back—McCormick, Swifts. Centre half-back—Crews, Swifts. Left half-back—Cowen, Swifts. Outside right—Gathercole, S. O. E. Inside right—McLukle, Callies. Centre forward—Tod, Callies. Inside left—Lloyd, Swifts. Outside left—Manton, Swifts.

The Y.M.C.A. won the intermediate city championship by defeating Callies B. team by 3-0 on Tuesday night. A protest has, however, been lodged.

The tennis players from the north made a good showing at the Calgary tournament. Hopes ran high when Nash beat Napier in the open singles but he went down before Toole who was beaten by Napier Smith in the finals. Mrs. Dudley Smith for the fourth successive year won the ladies' championship. The doubles came to Strathcona, Hay and Kinnear defeating Holman and Wheatley in the finals while Kinnear beat Hay in the finals of the handicap.

Edmonton cricketers made a sorry showing in the big fixture of the season, the match against Calgary, last Saturday. Calgary put on 253 runs to which that sterling cricketer, Stephens, contributed 102, while in Edmonton's two attempts the scores were 44 and 42. Percy Hardisty was the only one to get into double figures, making 22 and 21 not out.

The result is due not so much to the fact that Calgary possesses better cricketing material but to the lack of first-class matches which Edmonton is able to get. The Calgary trip to the tournament at Indian Head was an excellent experience for the team.

Edmonton has been holding its own in the western league and has a good chance of finishing in third place and of providing the baseball-loving public with some good games before the season is over. But interest for the most part is now centred in the struggle in the big leagues. The way Chicago, Pittsburgh, New York, Philadelphia and St. Louis remain bunched is remarkable but the race in the stretch should be between the three first named. It's a toss-up still between Philadelphia and Detroit in the American with the rest nowhere.

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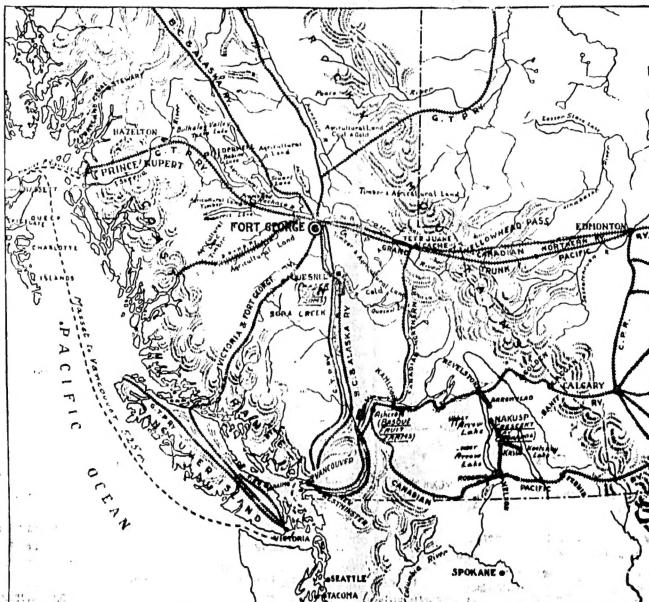
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It should be made clear, however, that if the man to whose defence Mr. McKinley and those who have been acting with him came had been of a different temperament from Mr. Bouillon, their task would have been an easier one. His weakness in this respect has been pointed out on this page over and over again during the past half year. He had undoubted ability and his integrity could not be open to question. We should have great difficulty in securing another man with these qualifications better established. But he had a way of going about things which aroused prejudice and made him a hard com-

missioner to work with and particularly hard to keep in office where popular sentiment had to be reckoned. That we have heard the last of him so far as Edmonton concerned is certain. We can only hope that when we next secure the services of a man of his standing, if we ever do, his effectiveness may not be marred in the way it was in his case.

The gas bylaw, while it carried by a majority of over seven hundred, failed by about eighty votes of securing the necessary two-thirds for its adoption. This is much to be regretted. The complications of the municipal situation have undoubtedly proven a factor in its defeat. A move is being made to have the measure resubmitted. A committee of business men have pledged their active support to Mr. Eaton

if he makes his proposition to the city again and he has agreed to do so.

A good bargain with a company is infinitely to be preferred to making the further addition to the city's responsibilities by the establishment of a municipal plant. There is an enormous task ahead of the city in bringing the utilities that it has undertaken to a proper degree of efficiency. Another water famine during the past week has served to bring home once again how far that most important of all services is from being in a satisfactory state.

One hesitates in a journal that is published but once a week to discuss such a subject as the weather. But at the moment conditions could not be better and the chances seem excellent for pulling off an enor-

mous crop. It has never been surpassed in quality. The only trouble is its backwardness and good weather till the end of the month will make everything right.

The convention of the Alberta medical association brought a number of distinguished members of the profession to Edmonton during the past week. The address of Dr. McPhedran of Toronto at the open meeting served to bring home a realization of the high ideals that animate the mass of practitioners. The arbitrary manner in which the profession at times exercises its privileges under the law comes in for much criticism, but there is no calling in which such self-sacrifice and unflinching devotion is called for nor one in the well being of which the public should be more intensely interested.

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our trail heavily clad in the winter's snow. Horse feed was very scarce, and the going was heavy for the saddle ponies.

"On July third we came to an apology for feed in an high valley. When camp had been set, three started out in different directions to see if any point of vantage would show the mysterious lake. All returned with the dismal intelligence that the valley was a blind and no lake to be seen from the highest point reached. We felt slightly discouraged.

"I wrote in my diary next day: 'July 4th.—Last night depression reached its lowest ebb. No lake, and little food for the horses. Thermometer at 10° and such a wind blowing that the tent, air-beds and occupants threatened to depart into the valley below. Nothing but pegging, reinforced by rocks, prevented such a catastrophe. Woke at six-thirty to the call of 'hot water,' and finally mustered courage to creep from beneath the warm blankets.'

"Game trails were numerous, the piped logs bespeaking Bruin's presence, and the river sands marked by tracks of deer, sheep, goats, lynx and the smaller animals. The flora changed perceptibly and the large, luxurious strawberries made a delicious daily feast.

"On July 24th, with sunlight and cloud shadows chasing each other across the rippled surface of the lake, creeping up the green mountain slopes and dying away behind the peaks, we said farewell to one of the most beautiful scenes that even we, who have traveled so many of these valleys, have ever seen, and began our toilsome journey back to civilization again.

"But instead of going back to railways and bath-tubs direct, we decided that we would take a look at the Mount Robson country, and on July 29th we waved good-bye to our companions of our seven weeks of pleasure and hardships, of sunshine and rain, and headed in another direction for a glimpse of the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies, and a meal at Tete Jaune Cache.

"Tete Jaune Cache, by the way, is sentinelled by 'Swift's' and Swift is something of a character. Yankee-born—from Ohio—he has married a squaw and is the father of four dusky children. On his land she has the water-power for a mill and hopes that this part of his property will be selected for a townsite some day. Thus he looks forward to riches, and in the meantime hitched up a broken 'gatitus' with a nail.

"Swift is more than a stray settler. He is a fore-runner of the future, a type of the man who moves forward before the railway, a true pioneer of a country that has lain waiting for Ali Baba to sap 'Open Sesame,' these many thousand years. To-morrow there will be orchard and wheatfield spread where the wild deer feed now, but it will not be half the fun for the mountain-climber. We turned up the valley with rather sober expressions, and set our face again to the wilds."

"He had eventually reached a point where the aneroid registered 8,750 feet, when the lake suddenly burst into a view from a long valley at his feet, and he knew his hard work was rewarded.

"Crossing the somewhat formidable river flowing through the green valley, a perfect paradise was found for the horses, and busy hands turned to constructing a raft to explore the lake. On the evening of the ninth, we were informed that H.M.S. Chaba would sail next morning for the upper end of the lake, provisioned for a three days' absence. To our complete astonishment, the lake was so long that the whole three days were absorbed for rafting, not one left for climbing, as we had hoped.

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swept their long tongues to the lake shore, streams of water from hidden snowfields reached the brink and tossed themselves hundreds of feet over vertical cliffs. Little deep green coves bade us slip among them and rest, but necessity called, and reluctantly and laboriously we paddled back to our horses and pork beans.

"Camping for a few days at the lower end of the lake, where, by the way, is an inexhaustible camp ground, we calculated the sheet of water to be at least twenty miles long, found that river which came from it fell by steep and dangerous rapids for a length of twelve miles to Medicine Lake, and from there as Maligne River, on the maps, flowed into the Athabasca about eleven miles away. "And that was the very first view any 'paleface' ever had of the lake we called 'Maligne.'

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Following this the sale of cigarettes has been prohibited. The having of drinking cups on trains or in hotels or any public place is a serious crime. It is in this state that every man must carry his own drinking cup, even if he would drink water, and to drink anything stronger in a train or in a public place is a crime, and anyone witnessing such an offense against the peace and dignity of the state immediately becomes an officer of the law and may arrest without the formality of warrant or formal charge.

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A state official here, who is not averse to smoking, received a sample box of these "awful" things today and passed them around among the boys to see how they liked them.

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To understand what I am getting at you must know that rather early this morning I had occasion to go down town shopping.

A big departmental-store beckoned, because I was unable to find what I was looking for in any other corner.

What was the object of my quest?

Only a lad named "Sentimental Tommy," whom people seem to have lost sight of lately, though indeed he was very well known and highly popular, a few short years ago.

I remember I stood waiting for quite five minutes, before the girl with a graduated front of prim blond curls stepped up and asked me what I wanted. "Barbie's Sentimental Tommy!" I told her.

"Well then I ain't never heard of him," she said. "Perhaps, you'd like to look at some of them new novels over there. Some of them are great."

She said "Great" with such a tone of conviction, that I decided there must be some really wonderful treat in store, and so stepped over to look at the offerings.

They were "great," if you like, or more properly speaking, fit to kindle one.

"All for Love," "The Mare's Nest," "He Would and She Wouldn't."

These in place of "The Sentimental Lad."

I was wandering on in disgust, pondering:

"Alas! and are good books so soon forgotten?"

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"17c!"

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"Oh dear, oh dear, oh dear!" I said. "This is terrible."

Indeed I was so disgusted and surprised, that I almost went on without taking advantage of the offer, when a young girl stepped along and seized a copy gave a little scream of delight:

"You sweetheart!" she cried, "now I can have you all to myself."

And with that she slipped into a slender little purse and went off with the prize in triumph.

I had been wondering if it was worth the time and labor to write a book that would perhaps some day be cleared off at 17c. but the girl's face decided me. It is like writing for the newspapers.

There will always be the big crowd seeking the new sensation. They are the 50c people. No use trying to appeal to them with anything but light and superficial trivialities. But always too, there will be odd people, here and there, who are looking for something sweeter and better in life.

As it often happens they are poor in this world's goods and were they no treasures to be picked up at 17c and the like, most probably they would never enjoy the privilege of owning the books they love.

So perhaps I was wrong to begrudge Mrs. Girkeill and Isaac Walton and other of the goodly company these ridiculous figures.

I know I shouldn't like to deprive that little girl of her "Cranford."

Yet how true it is, that cynic saying, "If you can't be in the fashion you might as well be dead."

Shades of all sweet story-writers who have turned the corner, we are not cheapening you and your quaint fragrant stories.

We, we it is, who are degenerating.

Eastward bound again!

What of the rolling-stone that gathers no moss?

And yet, who wants to be a stationary old boulder looking up forever into the eternity of blueness and stars!

How I despise flatness and repose, too long drawn out.

I want to roll and roll and roll. Not that I love knocking around as such, but to gain new perspective, to broaden, to taste the exquisite joy of getting home.

Westlanders—this to you.

The West and its people are the salt of Canada. I cannot forbear proclaiming this truth, I can not; modest though I be.

Every trip east I have it borne in on me.

The East is a goodly and exquisite country, but it lacks the tang or flavor of our own big corner of the world.

It is like good bread without any salt. There is a flatness. Seriously I don't see how I could very long abide it.

Travelling politicians and wandering spell-binders do not too much compliment us when they proclaim that we have the choicest spot in all of Canada as our dwelling place.

We have had a very enjoyable journey down into Ontario. It has been just cool enough to make travelling a real pleasure.

For fellow passengers there were two women I took quite a fancy to, little red-cheeked, apple-faced Englishman, some lads off for their holidays and a time, who occupied the state room, because I suppose it was wise.

Their state did not, so far as the rest of us were concerned, add to our happiness.

The remainder of the passengers were embryo politicians, and the word reciprocity was the one that fell most frequently from their lips.

Apparently they divided themselves into two camps. They were the Sheep and the Goats. So far as I could judge, there were no rail-birds.

Both sides held equally strong positions, only the apple-faced Englishman seemed at loggerheads with both parties and capable of facing two situations at one and the same time. He was a character, that wee John Bull.

Imagine yourself at dinner with 'im and a Pro-Rep. opposite you, when the following conversation would almost certainly take place. It is a characteristic bit:

"What are your views about the Big Question?"

Pro. Rep. has the floor.

"haven't any," from 'im.

"Well, I judge you're an Englishman," from the first speaker. How does England view the situation?"

Before replying 'e cuts off and slowly masticates a generous mouthful of roast beef, touched up with more than a suspicion of mustard, when he delivers up the following:

"Well, stranger, I don't know as Hindland cottons to it much. In fact, I may say she don't like the signs of the times at all. But Lord love me, she's got enough to do with them Lords cutting up as they are, to keep her pretty busy attending to her own affairs."

"Being as you ask me, I may say personally, that I don't hanker much after the policy of either of your parties. I've lived in the United States and they was rather politically. But when I came to Canada, saw you was both rotterer. Why the grand old Liberal party is nothing better than a piece of old cheese."

"Yes, but what's that got to do with Reciprocity? breaks in the original questioner. "Don't you know that Free Trade is going to be the greatest thing this country has ever struck. Look at the Western farmers getting their farm implements in free. Look at the grand market it's going to mean for Canada's natural products. "Yes, and look," says John Bull, "how you and your products and your mines and your forests are going to be gobbled up by the greedy old eagle. Go on, don't talk to me." And the next meal finds him busy arguing the other side.

Peggy

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